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## **MAN SENTENCED FOR DESTRUCTION OF MAIL**

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- Gregory Gibson, 28, of Holland, New York, who was convicted of delay and destruction of mail on Feb. 19, 2009, was sentenced to a term of prison of 4 months, to be followed by a 4 month term of home confinement by U.S. Magistrate Judge H. Kenneth Schroeder, Jr., Acting U.S. Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter of the Western District of New York announced today.

The defendant, who had been employed by a company transporting mail from Holland, New York to collection locations throughout Western New York, had admitted opening first class mail, and then dumping the mail at a road side location in Holland, New York. The dumped mail had been discovered by a passerby in early October, 2008.

In imposing sentence, and denying the defendant's request for a halfway house placement, Magistrate Judge Schroeder commented upon the serious nature of this crime, and the breach of trust by the defendant, not only to the postal service, but to those whose mail was never delivered. The defendant was also ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000 as part of his sentence, in addition to the mandatory \$25 special penalty assessment.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the United States Postal Inspection Service.